

Oaks Christian Church General Board Meeting

January 13, 2013

Sara Simons, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.. Don Joseph gave the opening prayer.

Voting Members present: Sara Simons, Don Whitley, Dorene Drake, Jimmye Saldivar, Barb Scantlin, Pat Whitley, Ruth Conover, Pat Scruggs, Bob Simons, Larry Scruggs. Non-voting Participants: Don Joseph.

Minutes: Minutes for the December 9, 2012 board meeting were read and filed for audit.

Executive Committee Report: Sara Simons presented the attached report of the executive committee on January 10.

Financial Secretary: The attached financial report was presented.

Treasurer's Report: The attached report for December was approved by consensus.

Elders Report: Barb announced that the Serving Schedule has been distributed and plans are being made for meetings beyond Sunday morning.

Diaconate Report: Pat passed a sign-up sheet for scripture reading. Deacons will be scheduled one month at a time. Pat will try to get a variety of people others to agree to read scriptures. January has been set.

Team Reports:

Worship: Larry reported that the Hanging of the Greens was successful, that he will attempt to have better known music next year. A meeting will be held in the next few weeks. Lenten activities are being planned. Sara Simon requested that she be invited to all team meetings.

Christian Education: Pat Whitley reported that she was going to meet with Dorene and Janet to discuss Christian educations for youth.

Evangelism: Ruth reported a planned meeting on January 26. Janet Duplechain has joined the Committee. Ruth is working with area businesses that hire felons. She has met with a vice-president at warehouse racks.

Service: Pat reported that the committee would be helping out with Community Lunch, and that Week of Compassion offering is in February (17th). She hopes to have a presentation at the next fellowship dinner.

Stewardship: Bob reported that this is the low season for Stewardship, but currently we are blessed financially.

Facilities: Larry will be co-chairing. There are open issues with lights, men's restroom ceiling. Larry is obtaining ceiling tiles that can be used in each restroom. A member has volunteered a certain amount per month toward an alarm system if we want to install one again. There have been problems in addition to funding that caused us to discontinue our previous system. Don Joseph suggested that we could probably get much of our painting done through mission trips for youth.

Membership: Pat Scruggs announced a total 277 attendance for December. She presented the attached report from Crystal. We need to encourage people to sign up to do post-service Hospitality. Don Joseph said we are averaging up into the 50's but we need to get into the 60's for worship attendance. Barb asked that membership go forward to get personal information from new members.

Fellowship: CWF is in charge of Fellowship. February 17 will be a hoe-down lunch. On May 19 we will celebrate the Pentecost Church birthday. CWF will be traveling to Jefferson on April 19th.

By-Laws Committee: Don Whitley announced that Crystal Smith is chairing the group. The next formal meeting is not until January 28, but the committee will be conferring by e-mail. Don has sent out initial electronic suggested revisions and comments, Crystal has sent out further comments.

Land Sale Committee: Barbara Scantlin has been appointed by Sara as Chair. \$153,000 and \$142,500 are the respective formal appraisal amounts for the two parts. It was the consensus to offer the two lots to Jeff (the old parsonage owner) at the appraised amounts.

Senior Minister Report: Things are going well. He can think of nothing significant that needs to be said. He asked for any questions. In response to a question, he said we would probably continue the Bible study, but with a break in the Spring.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Petty Cash: Sonya has no money to buy stamps and other needed items. There was petty cash when Bill Scantlin was Treasurer. Dorene has not done so before and wanted to discuss a process. Dorene was going to explore a process involving funding an amount from the administrative budget. It was suggested that Sonya could be given a check which she could then cash. It was the consensus to set up a fund of \$60.00 from the Administrative Budget, to be replenished based upon written receipts.

Personnel Committee and Pastoral Relations Committees need to meet to discuss setting up reviews for the staff and the pastor.

Larry Scruggs was officially appointed co-chair of the Property ministry team by Sara Simons.

Announcements:

Bible Study every Tuesday at 6:15 p.m.

Board will generally meet on the second Sunday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37p.m. with prayer by Don Joseph.

Respectfully submitted:

Don C. Whitley
Recording Secretary